

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of generating a password, said method comprising:
 - receiving a preferred word from a user;
 - translating said preferred word to produce a password; and
 - providing said password to an application;
 - wherein wherein:
 - said preferred word is not permanently stored;
 - said password is not permanently stored; and
 - said password complies with said application's required password format.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said translating includes encrypting said preferred word.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said translating includes substituting a character for another character.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said translating includes inserting at least one special character.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said password is similar to said preferred word.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said translating is accomplished by software running on a first computer; and said target application runs on a second computer.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said translating is accomplished at least in part by a smart card.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said translating is accomplished by software running on the same computer as said target application.
9. (Currently amended) A method of generating a password, said method comprising:
receiving input from a user, specifying a target application;
receiving input from said user, specifying a password format;
receiving input from a user, specifying a preferred word;
in response to said inputs, translating said preferred word to produce a password;
and
providing said password for use by said target application;
~~wherein~~ wherein:
said preferred word is not permanently stored;
said password is not permanently stored; and
said password complies with said application's required password format.
10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said translating includes encrypting said preferred word.
11. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said translating includes substituting a character for another character.
12. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said translating includes inserting at least one special character.
13. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said password is similar to said preferred word.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein
said translating is accomplished by software running on a first computer; and
said target application runs on a second computer.
15. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said translating is accomplished at
least in part by a smart card.
16. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said translating is accomplished by
software running on the same computer as said target application.
17. (Currently amended) A system for generating a password, said system
comprising:
means for receiving input from a user, specifying a target application;
means for receiving input from said user, specifying a password format;
means for receiving input from a user, specifying a preferred word;
means, responsive to said inputs, for translating said preferred word to produce a
password; and
means for providing said password for use by said target application;
~~wherein~~ wherein:
said preferred word is not permanently stored;
said password is not permanently stored; and
said password complies with said application's required password format.
18. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein said means for translating includes
means for encrypting said preferred word.
19. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein said means for translating includes
means for substituting a character for another character.
20. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein said means for translating includes
means for inserting at least one special character.

21. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein said password is similar to said preferred word.
22. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein
said means for translating runs on a first computer; and
said target application runs on a second computer.
23. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein said means for translating includes a smart card.
24. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein said means for translating runs on the same computer as said target application.
25. (Currently amended) A computer-usable medium having computer-executable instructions for generating a password, said computer-executable instructions comprising:
means for receiving input from a user, specifying a target application;
means for receiving input from said user, specifying a password format;
means for receiving input from a user, specifying a preferred word;
means, responsive to said inputs, for translating said preferred word to produce a password; and
means for providing said password for use by said target application;
~~wherein~~ wherein:
said preferred word is not permanently stored;
said password is not permanently stored; and
said password complies with said application's required password format.
26. (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 25, wherein said means for translating includes means for encrypting said preferred word.

27. (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 25, wherein said means for translating includes means for substituting a character for another character.
28. (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 25, wherein said means for translating includes means for inserting at least one special character.
29. (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 25, wherein said password is similar to said preferred word.
30. (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 25, wherein said means for translating runs on a first computer; and said target application runs on a second computer.
31. (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 25, wherein said means for translating includes a smart card.
32. (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 25, wherein said means for translating runs on the same computer as said target application.
33. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein a particular preferred word creates the same password each time the preferred word is translated.
34. (New) The method of claim 9 wherein a particular preferred word creates the same password each time the preferred word is translated.